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## CLOSEOUT CERTIFICATION

**IAG No:** DW96947627-01

**Project Title:** RA for NL Industries/Taracorp

**Agency:** DOD - ACOE

**Period of Performance:** 10/1/92 to 9/30/98

**Balance of Funds:** \$340,537.83

☐ IAG close-out may proceed.

☒ Delay close-out and final payment (please indicate reason for delay under "Remarks")

Remarks: See attachment  
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12/21/00  
DATE

Brad W Bradley  
PROJECT OFFICER

**NOTE:** EPA PROJECT OFFICER'S SIGNATURE AND DATE ARE REQUIRED ON THIS DOCUMENT.

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**MEMORANDUM**

Date: December 21, 2000

Subject: Problems with U.S. ACE on IAGs for the NL Industries Site

From: Brad Bradley, Remedial Project Manager BB

To: Sheila Clark

This memo will serve to explain why I asked for a delay in the close-out certification for IAG No. DW96947704-01-9 for the NL Industries Site in Granite City, Illinois and to go on record regarding continuing difficulties that U.S. EPA has experienced with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/OHM Corporation on this project.

First, the reason that the close-out of this IAG must be delayed is that U.S. ACE has still not closed out all of the work for this project, even though no physical work has been performed by OHM Corporation since July 13, 1998.

As the Remedial Project Manager, I am very concerned about delays in closing out the financial aspects of the IAGs with U.S. ACE with respect to the NL Industries Site, especially given the fact that the Consent Decree between EPA and the PRPs requires such financial information for billing purposes. I currently have a request from U.S. ACE in hand for an extension of the IAG for one year and \$70,000. I do not fully understand EPA's obligation to grant or deny this request and cannot gage the pros and cons of doing so since I have no idea what the ultimate project costs are. I will not go into all of the details regarding the multiple problems that EPA has experienced with the IAGs for the NL Site, but I need to discuss EPA's options with someone so that EPA can make the appropriate decision regarding the requested IAG extension and additional funding.